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For: INTERFACE BASED DESIGN USING A TABULAR PARADIGM

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- Communication Regarding Rescinded Nonpublication Request and Petition for Revival of Application if Necessary
- Copy of Power of Attorney by Assignee
- Notice of a Foreign or International Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)
- Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandonment for Failure to Notify the Office of a Foreign or International Filing (37 CFR 1.137(f))
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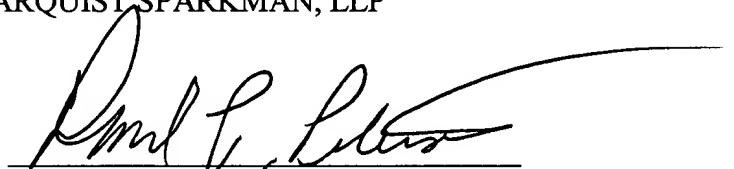
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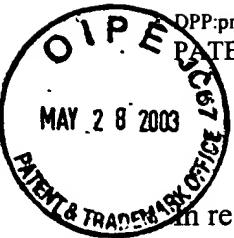
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**COMMUNICATION REGARDING RESCINDED NONPUBLICATION REQUEST
AND PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF APPLICATION IF NECESSARY**

Enclosed is a copy of a power of attorney from the Assignee of Record appointing the undersigned attorney.

This communication is being filed in response to the notification published in the Official Gazette on May 6, 2003, concerning the notice requirements of 35 U.S.C. 122. The Official Gazette notice reminded applicants that a request to rescind a nonpublication request is not itself a notice of foreign filing, and that an additional notice of foreign filing may be necessary in certain circumstances.

For the reasons discussed below, the Assignee of the above-referenced application believes that the notification requirements of 35 U.S.C. 122 have been fully met in this application.

If the Patent and Trademark Office (the "PTO") determines that an additional notice of foreign filing was required for this application, however, the Assignee hereby requests the

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Commissioner to accept the enclosed Notice of a Foreign or International Filing and to find that the delay in submitting the notice was unintentional and that the application was never abandoned pursuant to the last phrase of 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii). In the alternative, the Assignee hereby requests the Commissioner to accept the enclosed Petition for Revival of the application as being unintentionally abandoned.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees to the deposit account identified below.

BACKGROUND

This application was filed on June 11, 2001, with an accompanying request for nonpublication under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i). On September 4, 2001, the request for nonpublication was rescinded using the form authorized by the PTO (Form PTO/SB/36 (11-00)). A copy of this request and of the postcard from the PTO acknowledging the receipt of the request are enclosed as Exhibits A and B. On September 6, 2001, and September 11, 2001, corresponding foreign applications were filed in Europe and Japan, respectively.

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THE ASSIGNEE HAS COMPLIED WITH 35 U.S.C. 122

The Assignee does not believe it was required to file a separate notification of foreign filing under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) because the rescission of the nonpublication request did not occur subsequent to the international filing. The Assignee's belief is derived from the plain and unambiguous language of 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(ii), which states that an applicant "may rescind a request [for nonpublication] . . . at any time." The plain meaning of the term "rescind" is "to make void; repeal or annul." *American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition*, pg. 1482 (2000). The legal effect of a "rescission" is not merely to terminate an obligation, "but to put an end to it as though it never were." *Black's Law Dictionary, Sixth Edition*, pg. 1306 (1990). Therefore, when the request to rescind the nonpublication request was filed, the application should have been treated as though the nonpublication request was never filed. Consequently, the Assignee was never required to file an additional notice of foreign filing under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii), which applies only to an applicant who has "made a request

under clause (i) but who subsequently files [an application] in a foreign country or under a multilateral international agreement.” The Assignee therefore submits that no additional notice of foreign filing was required in this application.

Even if the Commissioner determines that a separate notice of foreign filing was required, it is the Assignee’s understanding that the PTO considers a request to rescind a nonpublication request as the proper notice of foreign filing. This understanding derives from the “Request to Rescind Previous Nonpublication Request, 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(ii)” form endorsed and distributed by the PTO in 2001. In particular, Form PTO/SB/36 (4-01), which is attached as Exhibit C, includes the following note: “Filing this rescission of a previous nonpublication request is considered the notice of a subsequent foreign or International filing required by 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) if this rescission is filed no later than forty-five days [sic] (45) days after the date of filing of such foreign or international application.” The September 4, 2001, request to rescind the nonpublication request submitted in this application was nearly identical to Form PTO/SB/36 (4-01), but did not contain the note. The note, however, is not an affirmative statement by the signing party, but an explanation of how the PTO treats a request to rescind a nonpublication request. The Assignee therefore submits that the September 4, 2001, request to rescind the nonpublication request was a proper notice of a foreign or international filing under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii).

**IF NOTICE UNDER 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) WAS NECESSARY,
THE APPLICATION IS NOT ABANDONED**

The Assignee was unaware of any potential problems with this application until sometime on or about May 6, 2003, when the relevant notice was published in the Office Gazette. Accordingly, any delay in filing a proper notice was unintentional. If it is determined that a notice of foreign filing was required under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii), the Assignee hereby requests the Commissioner to accept the enclosed Notice of a Foreign or International Filing and to find that the application was never abandoned as the delay in providing the Notice was unintentional. The Commissioner may make such a finding under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii), which provides that “[a] failure of the applicant to provide such notice within the prescribed period shall result in the application being regarded as abandoned, unless it is

shown to the satisfaction of the Director that the delay in submitting the notice was unintentional." The word "unless" in this subsection conveys the meaning that no abandonment occurs when the delay in providing the foreign filing notice was unintentional.

IF THE APPLICATION IS ABANDONED,
THE ASSIGNEE REQUESTS REVIVAL

If it is determined that the application has become abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii), the Assignee hereby requests the Commissioner to accept the enclosed Petition for Revival under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b), which includes the requisite notice of a foreign or international filing.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required in connection with this communication, including any petition fee to Account No. 02-4550. A copy of this communication is enclosed.

If any further information is required, or if the Commissioner has any questions in connection with this communication, the Commissioner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

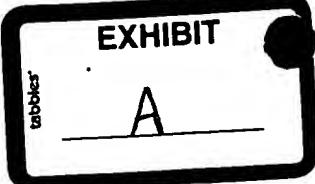
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**REQUEST TO RESCIND PREVIOUS
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35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(ii)**

Application Number	09/879,828
Filing Date	June 11, 2001
First Named Inventor	Mark W. P. Dane
Title	INTERFACE BASED DESIGN USING A TABULAR PARADIGM
Atty Docket Number	51005.P204
Group Art Unit	2161
Examiner	Not Yet Assigned

I hereby rescind the previous request that the above-identified application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

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Robert T. Watt

Signature

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This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b).

Burden Hour Statement: This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.213(b). The information is used by the public to rescind a previously filed request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b) (and the PTO to process that rescission). Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This form is estimated to take 6 minutes to complete. This time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

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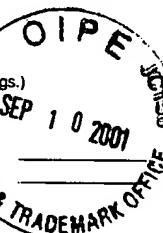
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EXHIBITB

Attorney's Docket No.:	51005.P204	Att'y/Sec:	RTW/hla
Application No.:	09/879,828	Filing Date:	June 11, 2001
Title:	INTERFACE BASED DESIGN USING A TABULAR PARADIGM		
Client:	Mentor Graphics Corporation	Inventor(s):	Mark W. P. Dane, et al.
Date Mailed:	September 4, 2001	Docket Date:	n/a

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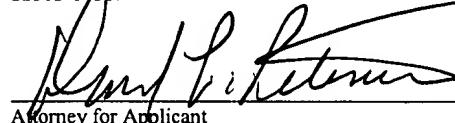
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**NOTICE OF A FOREIGN OR INTERNATIONAL FILING
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)**

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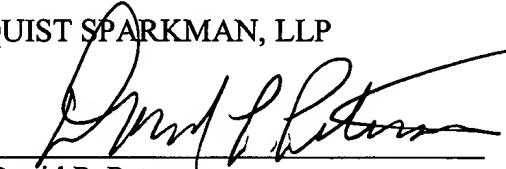
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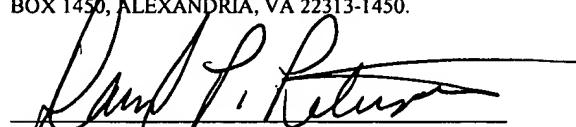
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